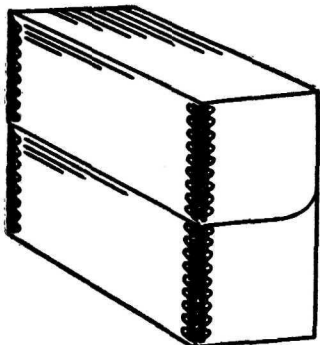


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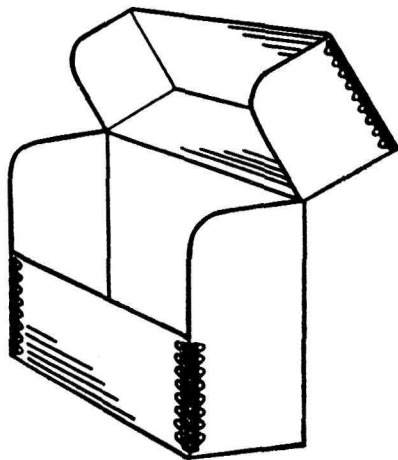
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PROBABLY no member of the Society has been free from concern lately over the role that archivists and manuscripts custodians might play in a national mobilization. As this is written no one can say what the turn of events may be, but mobilization is actually under way. We should have been considering our readiness and how best we can perform in an emergency.

A review of archival activities in the last war stresses the lesson that war is a great stimulant, and that most of its civilian activities are simply accelerations of peacetime functions.¹ Our main concerns were protection, selection and assembly, and providing information from records in our care. Emphases changed: protection from war hazards shaded normal deterioration; selection and accessioning dealt mostly with the rapidly multiplying recent materials; and in reference service private research had to be sidetracked for widely varying war uses of records.

The Society began the war with four special committees on war problems; two were later merged and the others were rather short lived. As on many other occasions, the Society's contributions were chiefly as a stimulant to activity by governmental and other bodies that had administrative resources, and as a clearing house of information on activities within our own field. Our common interest in solution of problems remained high, and some of our most profitable meetings were held during the war.

Our stimulus to governmental agencies included, of course, cooperation with the National Archives, but that was by no means all. Another constant principle was proved again; we do not live alone as a profession, but share responsibilities with many others. Thus archivists and manuscripts custodians worked closely with museum and fine arts custodians and librarians in the Committee on Conservation of Cultural Resources. Nor was the activity all at Washington, by any means. State, county, and municipal records

¹ These activities were described in my article, "Archives in the United States During World War II," *Library Quarterly*, 17: 263-280 (Oct. 1947).

and holdings of countless manuscripts collections figured in protection, selection, and reference use.

Surely more than half of our members changed their individual occupations. Direct military service and transfers to war agencies of government made our mailing list a kaleidoscope. Even so, many went into work that called upon their special qualifications, primarily in records administration and historical writing. One of the most interesting tasks of my term as Secretary of the Society was to provide the list of archivists included in the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel.

In 1950 some circumstances have changed, though the basic elements are the same. The trend toward decentralization is probably the most striking aspect of defense planning. Improved protection for records against war hazards is still in the planning stage, constituting to my mind a serious lag. Records administration in State governments as in Federal is a much more definitely recognized part of the picture than in 1940. We are better prepared to cope with the selection problems in the ever growing mass of records. Archivists and manuscripts custodians are prepared to provide emergency reference service if we can keep our staffs reasonably well-manned.

While the most direct steps must be taken by the institutions and individuals themselves, I believe the Society has a real contribution to make, and I hope that some definite mechanism for considering war problems can be set up at the Madison meeting. Meanwhile our members might give thought to our group responsibilities and make suggestions to me or to the Secretary, or bring them to the meeting.

FEDERAL RECORDS ACT OF 1950

The proposed Federal Records Act of 1950, abstracted in the July issue of the *American Archivist* (p. 319) passed Congress, with minor changes, and became *Public Law 754* (81st Congress, 2d Session) on September 5, when it was signed by the President.

Writings on Archives, Records Management, and Historical Manuscripts, July 1949-June 1950

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THIS is the eighth annual bibliography compiled under the auspices of the Committee on Archival Bibliography of the Society of American Archivists. It is a selected list of references relating to archives, records management, and historical manuscripts that appeared between July 1949, and June 1950. A few items dated prior to July 1949, are included, however, either because they were actually issued after that date or because they were not available for examination and listing in earlier compilations. Like its predecessors, the present bibliography does not include references to unpublished items, edited documents, publications in microfilm, library and historical reports devoting but a few lines to manuscript accessions, and items appearing in news notes, unless unusually significant.

The bibliography is classified broadly by subject. A list of the headings used is reproduced here for the convenience of the reader. It should be noted that administrative reports of records centers are entered in Class III A. Items relating primarily to the scientific and technical aspects of the use of photography and to the reproduction of research materials are entered in Class VIII, whereas items relating primarily to the use of photography for purposes of original recording and records management are entered in Class II. Such cross references as are necessary appear at the ends of the several sections of the bibliography.

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X. SPECIAL PHYSICAL TYPES OF RECORDS
AND HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS

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XI. THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF ARCHIVISTS, CUSTODIANS
OF MANUSCRIPTS, AND RECORDS OFFICERS

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THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

Under the terms of some of President Truman's reorganization plans, several functions of the Department of State not related to foreign affairs were recently transferred to the General Services Administration and were assigned to the National Archives and Records Service. *The Territorial Papers of the United States*, of which Dr. Clarence E. Carter is the editor, will hereafter be published by the National Archives. *The Statutes at Large* will be published by NARS' Division of the Federal Register, but the State Department will continue to publish treaties and other international agreements and related documents. The Division of the Federal Register has also been made responsible for the receipt of the laws, their publication in slip copies, and their preservation; for the receipt and preservation of certifications of Presidential electors and electoral votes; and for the publication of amendments to the Constitution.

The Archivist of the United States, Dr. Wayne C. Grover, and Oliver W. Holmes, Director of the Natural Resources Records Branch of the National Archives, attended the First International Congress on Archives held in Paris in August. Mr. Holmes is the Council's Deputy Secretary-general for the Western Hemisphere and the Archivist is a member of its Committee on Admissions.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress has recently received as a gift from the National Women's Trade Union League of America the records of that organization from the date of its establishment in 1903 to June 15, 1950, when for a variety of reasons, chief of which was "lack of personnel and funds," its activities were terminated.

The League was a federation of trade unions having women members, many nationally prominent, with a supplementary membership of persons who endorsed its principles and accepted its platform. The fundamental idea upon which the League's work was based was the organization of women wage workers into trade unions, "thereby to help them secure conditions necessary for healthful and efficient work and to obtain a just return for such work." It was in part responsible for the Federal investigation into conditions of working women and children, made during President Theodore Roosevelt's administration and with his support, and for the establishment within the Department of Labor of the Women's Bureau and the Children's Bureau, both headed for many years by active League members.

In large part through the efforts of Miss Elisabeth Christman, national Secretary-Treasurer of the League, the organization's headquarters records were chronologically arranged, indexed, and bound. In addition to the 32 volumes of such material, the League's gift to the Library includes verbatim proceedings of conventions, 1909-47, proceedings of the three International Congresses of Working Women in 1919, 1921, and 1923, more than 100 dossiers relating to the League's educational program on international affairs, legislation, and other matters, and a considerable body of photographic material.

The Library of Congress announced in July that it will extend its interlibrary loan service on a trial basis to include positive copies of microfilm in those cases where the Library possesses the negative and where the original material is believed not to be available on interlibrary loan from an institution in continental United States. The broadened service will be extended to libraries with adequate equipment and personnel trained for servicing microfilm.

The objective of this service is to prevent wasteful expenditures by libraries for research materials or microfilm copies thereof for which they have only occasional need.

The rules which govern the Library's loan of microfilms are the same as those of interlibrary loan in general, with the following conditions:

- a. Only positive microfilms will be lent, and only those positives of which the Library possesses the negatives under conditions of acquisition which do not prevent such lending. (Where the Library possesses the negative but no positive, the Library will prepare a positive copy for loan if, in its opinion, circumstances warrant.)
- b. A requesting library will be required to include in the first application for a loan of microfilm a statement describing its equipment for the use of microfilm and the training and experience of its staff in the handling of film and the use of such equipment.
- c. The period of loan will ordinarily be one month from the date of shipment of the microfilm to the borrowing library. Loans for longer periods may be made in special cases. Material is subject to recall at any time in the discretion of the Library of Congress.
- d. The minimum unit of loan will be one reel. Users of very small quantities, such as a few feet of film, will be expected to purchase a copy of the film instead of borrowing it.
- e. Because of restrictions which apply to many items in the Library's microfilm collection, reproductions of material lent from it may not be made without the written permission of the Library of Congress.

OFFICE METHODS DIVISION, NAVY DEPARTMENT

To take the place of Herbert E. Angel, now Director of Records Management, National Archives and Records Service, the former Assistant Director, Edmund D. Dwyer, has become Director of Office Methods. Lewis J. Darter is now responsible for the Navy records retirement program and the five Naval Records Management Centers.

The Centers, which now hold 1,105,218 cubic feet of records, are continuing to receive records from ships and stations. Reference service continues at a high level. During the quarter ended 30 June 1950, 353,687 reference re-

quests were received and handled by the Centers. Significant recent archival accessions included correspondence and other files of the U. S. Naval Academy, 1845-1927, which reflect the development and administration of the Academy since its founding in 1845 through the efforts of Navy Secretary, George Bancroft. These records will be transferred to the National Archives at a later date.

Recently the annual conferences of the District Records Management Officers and Directors of the Naval Records Management Centers were held in Washington. Records management problems occasioned by administrative developments and sharp curtailment in the Navy shore establishment were discussed. By order of the Secretary of the Navy of 15 September 1950, District Records Management Officers were made responsible for transferring records of disestablished stations and decommissioned ships to the records centers.

Rudolph Bares, Jr., Management Engineer in the Bureau of Ships, has succeeded Herbert E. Angel as Commanding Officer of the Management Engineering Volunteer Reserve Unit in the Washington area. This unit studies Navy management programs, including those involving records.

INTERAGENCY RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE

On April 21, 1950 Jess Larson, Administrator of the General Services Administration (of which the National Archives and Records Service is now a part) and Wayne Grover, Archivist of the United States, spoke to a capacity audience on the topic, "The Records Management Program of the General Services Administration." Hirst Sutton and Wilfred S. Williams of the Budget Bureau's Administrative Management Division addressed the Conference in May on "Measurements and Standards in Records Administration."

In response to widespread interest in pending records legislation the Conference sponsored on June 2, 1950 a special round table discussion of *H. R. 8416*, a proposed amendment to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949. The meeting provided an opportunity for agency records officers and officials of the National Archives and Records Service to exchange views on current proposals designed to clarify General Services Administration's role in records management.

At the final meeting of the season, June 16, 1950, Dallas Irvine, Chief Archivist of the Audio-Visual Records Branch, National Archives, presented several films on the subject of records and archival matters and discussed the work of his branch. The annual end-of-the-season social meeting was held in the National Archives Conference Room. The Steering Committee for 1950-51, elected at this time, has the following members:

- Everett O. Alldredge, National Archives and Records Service, GSA
- John F. X. Britt, Federal Security Agency
- Helen Chatfield, Bureau of the Budget
- James Hindle, Securities and Exchange Commission
- W. Kenneth Hoover, Department of State
- L. Robert Jones, Civil Aeronautics Administration

Henry J. Lilienfeld, Veterans Administration
 Dorothy M. Luttrell, Department of Agriculture
 Ollon D. McCool, Department of the Army
 R. Bruce McNair, Public Health Service, FSA
 Thomas J. Pugliese, Atomic Energy Commission
 Theodore Schellenberg, National Archives and Records Service, GSA

Philip C. Brooks, Chief Archivist, War Records Branch, National Archives, announced his retirement from the Steering Committee. Dr. Brooks, completing his second term as Conference Chairman, has been a member of the Committee since the establishment of IRAC. The membership by unanimous vote expressed its gratitude for his long and faithful service to the organization and his contributions to Federal records administration.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, created by Act of Congress to "provide for the preservation of historic sites, buildings and objects of national significance," were announced in February by the Executive Board of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings. In addition to the ex-officio trustees provided for by Congress, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director of the National Gallery of Art, the Council elected the following: Former President Herbert Hoover; General George C. Marshall; Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank of New York; Eugene R. Black, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Harry A. Bullis, Chairman of the Board of General Mills, Inc.; Mrs. Francis B. Crowninshield, Boston, leader in historic preservation and a founder of the Kenmore Association in Virginia; George McAneny, New York, President of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society; Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd, President of the American Planning and Civic Association; John Nicholas Brown, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air; H. Alexander Smith, Jr., a director of the Society for the Preservation of Maryland Antiquities; Horace M. Albright, former Director of the National Park Service; and Charles Sumner Bird, Chairman of the Standing Committee of The Trustees of Public Reservations in Massachusetts, and the only American member of the Council of the British National Trust.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF AUTOGRAPH COLLECTORS

Richard M. Lederer was elected to succeed Joseph E. Fields as president of the National Society of Autograph Collectors at the third annual meeting, held May 1 and 2 at the Library of Congress in Washington. The program included tours of the Library, Mount Vernon and the National Archives; talks by Frederick B. Adams, Jr., Director of the Pierpont Morgan Library, and Dr. Victor Hugo Paltsits; panel discussions conducted by Colton Storm and Paul M. Angle; and, as the final feature, the re-enactment of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre, presented by the Chicago Civil War Round Table under the direction of Dr. Otto Eisenschiml.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE ON RECORDS AND STATISTICS

The Budget Bureau's *Statistical Reporter* announced that the Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics held its second annual meeting in Washington, D. C., on April 24 to 27, 1950. Over 200 vital statistics registrars, public health statisticians, and government representatives from interested agencies participated in the working group programs, reporting on studies made during the past year and planning special research activities for the year to come.

Prior to the annual meeting, units of a Committee on Statistics conducted special studies on problems related to morbidity, mortality, mass surveys, case registrars, natality, service statistics, and population. In considering the reports of these studies, the meeting approved most of the study findings but emphasized, through many recommendations and resolutions, the need for further research. These resolutions will be published by the National Office of Vital Statistics as part of the proceedings of the annual meeting.

Plans of the Conference for the coming year include intensive work, in cooperation with the Morbidity Statistics Committee of the Public Health Service, on the problem of notifiable disease reporting. Special emphasis on the improvement of medical certification of cause of death is also contemplated. A need for the preparation of a pamphlet enumerating definitions and minimal tabulations for premature births was expressed at the meeting. In the field of population studies, State vital statistics bureaus were encouraged to assume leadership for the development of population estimates, sufficient for the needs of public health programs, for small areas during post-censal periods.

Paralleling the Conference deliberations on public health statistics were many reports of studies in vital statistics registration. In this field, special research will continue during the next year on problems related to marriage and divorce registration, query programs in vital statistics, delayed registration, promoting and testing the completeness of registration, and the confidentiality of vital statistics.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Catholic University

The Reverend Henry J. Browne, archivist of the Department of Archives and Manuscripts, Catholic University, read a paper on "The Archives of a Catholic College or University," before a group of fifty college administrators convened in June for a special workshop on their problems. The Department recently accessioned a group of twenty-four letters of Monsignor Thomas Sim Lee, rector of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, 1891-1922, and also microfilm copies of thirty-one letters of American prelates to Henry Cardinal Manning of Westminster, England, dating from 1870 to 1892.

The program committee of the American Catholic Historical Association announces that at the Christmas week meeting of the Association at the Hotel

Stevens, Chicago, there will be a luncheon session devoted to American Catholic archives and manuscript collections. It will be opened to the public and the members of the Society of American Archivists will be especially welcomed. Papers will be read by the Reverends Thomas T. McAvoy and Henry J. Browne. Fr. McAvoy, archivist of the University of Notre Dame, is author of the recently published, "Catholic Archives and their Preservation," *Catholic Library Practice* (The University of Portland Press, Portland, 1950), II, 87-99.

The Reverend John Tracy Ellis, professor of American Church History at the Catholic University of America, visited some important Catholic archival centers in Europe this past spring. He was able to obtain further materials for his biography of James Cardinal Gibbons, former Archbishop of Baltimore, in the archives of the Congregation of the Propaganda Fide in Rome, the archives of the Superior General of the Society of St. Sulpice in Paris and from the papers of Cardinal Manning kept by the Oblates of St. Charles in Bayswater, London.

U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Columbia University Press has recently published a book written by Sidney Forman, Archivist and Historian of the Academy, entitled *West Point, A History of the United States Military Academy*. The first full-length history of the Academy published since the Civil War, it is based largely on archival sources.

TRAINING OF ARCHIVISTS

In cooperation with the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Hall of Records, The American University in Washington, District of Columbia, offered its sixth intensive training course in the Preservation and Administration of Archives from June 12-July 7, 1950. The four-weeks program included lectures on the most important phases of work with records and manuscripts and practical training in the National Archives and Records Service, the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, and the Maryland Hall of Records.

The following students were enrolled in the course: Joseph Rober Comeau, Public Archives of Canada; Rev. Thomas J. Connolly, Archives, Diocese of Reno, Nevada; Rev. Leo C. Cullen, Archives, Province of California of the Society of Jesus; May Dornin, Department of Archives, University of California Library; Roy Sylvan Dunn, Texas State Archives; Ofra Eliash, Archives, Embassy of Israel; Lawrence Graves, University of Wisconsin; George G. Hagmaier, C.S.P., St. Paul's College; Fenton L. Kennedy, College of William and Mary; Donald R. McCoy, American University; Rev. Vincent de Paul McMurry, Catholic University; William G. Ormsby, Public Archives of Canada; Virginia Phillips, University of Maryland Library; Mary D. Quint, American Optical Company; Robert Rosenthal, Manuscripts Collection, University of Chicago Libraries; Charles R. Rowdybush, Field His-

tory Branch, Headquarters Air Material Command, Dayton, Ohio; Marcelle F. Schertz, Louisiana State Archives; Charles W. Shetler, West Virginia Collection, University of West Virginia Library; Donald A. Sinclair, Manuscripts Collection, Rutgers University Library; George W. Spragge, Archives of the Province of Ontario, Canada; Florence R. Stewart, Archives, Northwestern University Library; Raymond J. Teller, Archives, American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia; Alvin D. Thiessen, International Civil Aviation Organization; Hugo Vargas, Ministry of Development, Venezuela; Muriel L. Wilson, Archives, Moravian Church; and Rev. George Zorn, Woodstock College.

The American University also conducted, from June 12-June 30, its second Institute in the Preservation and Interpretation of Historic Sites and Buildings (Director, Donald Derby) and its first Institute of Genealogical Research (Director, Meredith B. Colket, Jr.). The three Institutes will be repeated in June 1951.

The York (England) Summer School of Archives and Historical Research was again held from 12 to 26 August 1950. A limited number of qualified students attended the School, which is intended to 1) give some account of York as an ancient City; 2) set out the riches of the archive collections in the City; 3) provide lectures on certain certified subjects, such as the organization of a great Cathedral, the Ecclesiastical Courts, the particular aspects of social and economic history; and 4) give introductory instruction in the reading of medieval hands and the interpretation of typical documents.

The Colorado State Archivist, Dolores C. Renze, in cooperation with the University of Denver, directed a course in the "Preservation and Administration of Archives" for students in history, political science, public administration or library science at the University. They receive five hours credit per quarter at the University for attendance at lectures given by the State Archivist and for serving of Research Internships in the Division of Archives, which comprise a minimum of ten additional hours per week. The summer class in archival work developed documentary research on the Governor John Evans materials — a project entered into jointly by Northwestern University, the University of Denver, and the Colorado State Historical Society. Governor Evans was appointed second Territorial Governor of Colorado by Abraham Lincoln; he was also the founder of Northwestern University and the University of Denver. The course in Archives Techniques and Administration has been enthusiastically received by these advanced students and has opened to students of western history heretofore unexplored avenues of documentary research.

The scholastic work in archives classes has stimulated an interest on the part of the University to explore the possibilities of establishing a University Archives. The State Archivist has made several studies and recommendations for the Chancellor along these lines. The problem of microfilming of Uni-

versity records has also been explored with the Comptroller of the University and a modest program along these lines will soon be effected.

Miss Nona-Murray Lucke, who is assistant administrator of the Committee on Veterans Medical Problems of the National Research Council and who has long been a member of the Society of American Archivists, has recently lectured at the Johns Hopkins University Graduate School of Hygiene and Public Health on the application of good records administration principles in the field of hospital records and statistics. Miss Lucke was for many years a files installation and systems specialist with commercial equipment firms and has worked in the field of records administration at the National Archives, the War Department and the National Office of Vital Statistics. Among numerous agencies and firms which have utilized her records management experience on a consultative basis are the United Nations and Ford International, Inc.

FOREIGN NEWS

Colombia

The press of Colombia recently reported the recovery of an important collection of documents left by Julian Trujillo, president from 1878 to 1880. Long abandoned, they were cast upon a fire during a house cleaning, in spite of protests of Sr. Rogelio Gutierrez G., a passing photographer, who reported the matter to Dr. Enrique Ortega Ricaurte, director of the Archivo Nacional. When they were able to enter the house after some delay, they found that fortunately a downpour of rain had saved the records from destruction. The documents have been deposited in the Archivo Nacional, where they have been cleaned and are now in the process of being arranged and catalogued. They throw much new light on events in Colombian history of that period, particularly on the battle of Los Chancos.

Cuba

The Ministry of Education of Cuba, upon the recommendation of its Committee for the Day of the Cuban Book, awarded a prize to Captain Joaquín Llaverías, Director of the National Archive of Cuba and honorary member of the Society of American Archivists, for the new edition of his important and valuable *Historia de los Archivos de Cuba* (Habana: 1950.), reviewed in *American Archivist*. The Society of American Archivists congratulates Captain Llaverías on the high honor and merited recognition which have come to him because of his long years of service in the interest of the National Archive of Cuba.

France

Dorothy Mackay Quinn, author of the article on the Ecole des Chartes in the October issue of the *American Archivist*, has been given recognition for her contributions to French archival work in the form of (1) a decoration from the government of France, the "Palme Académique" and (2) an hon-

orary life appointment as Correspondent Étrangère des Sociétés Historiques du Loiret. Mrs. Quynn's contributions were described as "both material and intellectual."

Great Britain

The British Museum has announced a new policy, under which it will accept on permanent or indefinite loan materials which it recognizes to be of national or international significance. The Museum had heretofore refused manuscripts and records which were not to become the outright property of its Trustees. Some reservations have been made by the Trustees. They will not accept on loan papers inferior in interest to those which they can accept as gifts or are prepared to purchase. They cannot furnish depositors with detailed calendars of their property. And, while they will accept loans under the new policy, only gifts, the permanent property of the nation, will appear in the printed catalogs of the Department of Manuscripts.

Archives, no. 3, (Lady Day, 1950), announces that a Conference of the Voluntary Helpers of the National Register of Archives was held at the Vintners' Hall in London, December 5, 1949. The discussion centered chiefly around methods of reporting and the treatment of larger archive accumulations. Reports on various collections were on view at the Conference, together with photostats of individual documents. The total number of reports received since the inception of the Register had reached 1857 by the end of February 1950, and local committees continue to send them in in large numbers.

The Glamorgan County Record Office held an exhibition in the County Hall, Cardiff, Wales, from June 19 to July 29 on "Methods of Record Repair." Showcases contained damaged records, examples of their enemies, such as bookworms and mildew, materials used in repair and the different methods and stages of treatment. Demonstrations were given each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, and the County Archivist, Madeleine Elsas, announced that advice on the best methods of repair could always be obtained at the Record Office.

Palestine

The Zionist Central Archives, in a report to the General Zionist Council for the period May 1, 1949 to February 4, 1950, announced that as a result of a three months mission to Europe important official and private archives had been added to the collections and ties with Zionist institutions in different countries were strengthened. British, French, and Dutch organizations are represented in the accessions which double the number of official files in the Archives. Private collections, photographs, and a library of printed books and newspapers make up the rest of the Archives which was visited by over 2,000 persons during the period covered by the report. Dr. G. Herlitz heads a staff of seven professional and technical workers.

Spain

The National Association of Librarians, Archivists, and Archeologists, Dr.

A. Tortajada, President, met in congress at Madrid on March 21-23, 1950. The agenda included such matters as general relations with state agencies, personnel of provincial and municipal bodies, and, in the archival field specifically, buildings and equipment, cataloging, archival legislation, indexes and guides, disposition of records without historical value, and central, university, provincial, and municipal archives.

COLORADO

The Denver Public School Administration, in consultation with the Division of State Archives has established a school archives unit, with all of the latest microfilm and photographic equipment necessary to the preservation of archival records. Mr. Roger Rutledge is the deputy in charge and the department may well serve as a model for other municipal school systems archives.

As of June 1, 1950 all the staff (technical and administrative) except the State Archivist went under State Civil Service. This resulted in up-grading of every position on the staff and the State Civil Service Commission did a commendable job of position classification. The Archivist's position was deemed to be a policy-making, administrative, and educational position and was exempted from the classified service. The Civil Service Commission is eager to have the State Archivist develop a training program for Records Officers throughout the state departments and agencies, a program which is now being studied and planned. In the photographic archival field the Division has done technical research necessary to developing a method of recording on 35 mm. microfilm (using movie film) the glass plate negative collection of W. H. Jackson. Approximately 3,000 glass plates out of a total of 8,000 negatives ranging in size from 3" x 5" to 18" x 22" have been recorded. Work and research on the biographical picture collections in the Archives has continued. When these two projects are completed, over 8,000 railroad pictures remain to be processed and set up in index form. The Microfilm Unit of the Archives Division, along with the regularly scheduled filming of State work, has accomplished extensive recording of newspapers on microfilm. An index of newspapers on 35 mm. microfilm has been prepared and encompasses a 90 year period in the Territory and State history. A complete record of holdings will mean a five year project. Current holdings include approximately 2,500 rolls of microfilmed newspapers.

CONNECTICUT

Edgar F. Waterman, President of the Connecticut Historical Society, announced in June the purchase of the Curtis H. Veeder residence at 1 Elizabeth Street, in Hartford, as the new home for the Society. Founded in 1825, the Society has occupied quarters in the Wadsworth Atheneum since 1843. These cramped rooms have long necessitated outside dead storage so that recently books, manuscripts and museum materials have been housed in four different buildings.

The Society's library contains some 65,000 volumes, 5,000 volumes of newspapers and 20,000 manuscript collections totaling several million individual pieces. The museum has more than 200 paintings, 200 pieces of antique furniture, numerous relics including the remaining portion of the Connecticut Charter of 1662, Israel Putnam's tavern sign, Nathan Hale's powder horn and camp basket, and collections of Indian relics, silver, pewter, glass and other colonial objects.

The new building for the Society was built twenty-five years ago of marble, concrete and steel and is strictly fireproof. It has an elevator, built-in vacuum cleaning and trash disposal systems. Asylum Avenue busses pass the building every ten minutes. Interior alterations of the second floor for museum installations commenced June 26. A multiple tier stack wing with a capacity of 100,000 volumes is contemplated, along with adjacent parking facilities.

Thompson R. Harlow, Director, announced the closing of the Atheneum rooms on Monday, June 19, and the beginning of the moving of the library.

DELAWARE

On Memorial Day the Delaware Veterans of World War II, Dover Post, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in a joint service formally dedicated the Memorial Volume compiled by the Public Archives Commission. This volume, containing the names of nearly 800 Delaware men and women who lost their lives during World War II, is the culmination of more than five years work. As part of the dedication, the volume was formally enshrined in a specially built display case in the exhibit lobby of the State Archives. The binding of the volume is full brown Morocco leather with a four inch gold star inlaid on the top cover. The end papers are of purple taffeta and each page has a border in purple of the names of the theaters of action in which the Delawareans lost their lives. Only one copy of this volume was printed, and this will remain on permanent display in the Hall of Records, Dover.

The new Delaware State Museum Division of the Public Archives Commission drew its preliminary work to a close with the conversion of the old Presbyterian church, built in 1790, into a museum building. During the summer the museum staff headed by Helen S. Johnson, Curator, occupied the building and began to arrange some of the collections and assemble other material for exhibit purposes. The formal opening is planned for late fall.

The Archivist's *Annual Report*, for the fiscal year 1949-1950, is now available for distribution in printed form. The microfilming of public records is continuing in the county offices, and it is gratifying to note that filming in one county is complete and in one other is half done. These copies are being made for security purposes.

The staff of the Historical Society of Delaware was reorganized in December 1949 when Gertrude Brincklé resigned as librarian and Ruthanna Hinds took her place. Mrs. George G. Windell, formerly of the History Department, University of Delaware, is now assistant librarian, particularly con-

cerned with editing the magazine *Delaware History*. Miss Brincklé remains part time as executive secretary of the Society.

The Society acquired during 1949 valuable material from the Committee on Historic New Castle, the diaries of General James H. Wilson, covering the Civil War and the Boxer Rebellion, a collection of papers concerning a proposed Bohemia-Appoquinimink Canal, and various family papers, deeds and photographs.

ILLINOIS

After several months of preliminary planning Northwestern University has launched "an integrated program for the preparing and publication of business histories of representative enterprises, principally in the Midwest." Policy making and direction of the program is in the hands of a faculty committee composed of specialists in marketing, labor, finance, management, business history, and economic history. Herbert O. Brayer has been appointed to the faculty with responsibility for carrying on the program. It is planned to publish histories of representative concerns that have been actively engaged in business for a substantial period. In connection with the program the University offers "as a cognate service the making of surveys of corporate records and other documentary sources available for the preparation of business histories, their location, accessibility, condition, and scope, together with specific recommendations for their housing, care and preservation."

KENTUCKY

A Record Control System is now being installed for the State of Kentucky by the management firm of J. C. Boyd, Consultants, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky. The system is believed by the company to be somewhat in advance of any that other states have as yet installed. It incorporates the preservation and disposal of records, the control of forms and the use of microfilm. A Records Control Board, created by the 1950 General Assembly, is composed of the Auditor of Public Accounts, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Commissioner of Finance, Attorney General, and the Secretary of the Kentucky Historical Society, Bayless E. Hardin, the last named serving as Chairman of the Board. One hundred thousand pounds of worthless records have already been sold as waste paper and the Board expects to dispose of over 200,000 pounds more. In one office the amount of space saved is demonstrated in a ratio of one inch in the new system to sixty-six inches in the old. Savings effected by the elimination of obsolete records, file cabinets, desks, machines, etc., will free approximately 180,000 square feet of office space. A streamlined filing system has been set up in the Division of Personnel, and the State Treasurer's checks are being recorded on 16 mm. film.

The Kentucky Historical Society is planning to start an extensive 35 mm. microfilming program in the near future. This program intends to preserve valuable historical records which are deteriorating through constant use.

MARYLAND

The Hall of Records is microfilming the annual reports of the various State agencies which it does not have within its own files and which are no longer obtainable from the issuing agency.

The Hall of Records has compiled for early fall printing its seventh publication: *Calendar of Maryland State Papers No. 4, the Red Books*. The volume covers about one-third of the papers in the *Red Books*, a collection of official documents of the Revolutionary period.

The 1950 *Maryland Manual*, prepared by the Archivist of the Hall of Records for distribution by the Secretary of State of Maryland, was issued recently, and editorial work has already begun on the 1951 edition. This volume has been issued at regular intervals since 1896, but the editorial work has been done at the Hall of Records only since 1949.

MASSACHUSETTS

The largest collection of Emily Dickinson papers, a collection which has been kept intact since her death in 1881, has been given to the Houghton Library of Harvard University. The gift was made by Gilbert Holland Montague, New York lawyer and bibliophile, who purchased the manuscripts and personal belongings which had been preserved at Miss Dickinson's home in Amherst and were owned by Alfred Leete Hampson. The purchase of the collection was made through the rare book dealer, Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach.

The collection includes autograph drafts of 958 poems, many of her letters and letters written to her, her books and possessions and family papers. The gift to Harvard also includes all copyrights and literary rights previously vested in the Dickinson heirs.

Harvard University has named Dr. Thomas H. Johnson, co-author of *Literary History of the United States* and head of the English department at Lawrenceville School, as editor of the papers; he expects to prepare three or four volumes within three years. Harvard University Press plans to publish a variorum edition of the poems and letters, giving all versions of each poem. Study of the Dickinson manuscripts is expected to shed light on at least two problems: the chronological order in which the poems were written, and the exact values and meanings given by Miss Dickinson to each version of each poem. When Dr. Johnson's editorial work has been completed, the collection, including earlier acquisitions of the Houghton Library, will be available for study by other scholars.

MICHIGAN

Recent manuscript accessions of the Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, include: additional correspondence of the late Chase S. Osborn, 176 scrapbooks containing clippings relating to his career, 1881-1949, and his diaries, 1895-1915; fifteen Civil War diaries of Lt. Col. Charles B. Haydon, Second Michigan Infantry, 1861-1864; two volumes of lecture

notes taken by the late Edwin S. Peck when he was a student in John Dewey's classes in "Movements of Thought in the 19th Century" and "English Transcendentalism" at the University of Michigan in 1891 and 1892; and the papers of John Jay Carton, president of the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1907, 1903-1920.

MINNESOTA

The manuscript division moved forward another pace in building up its collections in economic history when it acquired in December the records of the Copper River Development Company. The company, organized in 1899 by men from Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa at the headquarters in Superior, Wisconsin, proposed to "sell, exchange, and deal in all kinds of real property, survey, explore, and develop mineral or other resources . . ." After attempts to interest outside capital and to carry out some of the purposes stated in articles of incorporation, the firm was dissolved in 1936. There are in the records a minute book (1899-1931), two cash account books (1901-1936), and about two thousand letters. These manuscripts are the gift of Mrs. Walter K. Adams of Minneapolis.

An important addition to the papers of Alexander Ramsey has been made by Anita and Laura Furness of St. Paul, granddaughters of Minnesota's first territorial governor. There are in the group more than two hundred deeds, abstracts, agreements, letters, plats, and tax receipts dating from 1850 to 1929. With this addition, the Ramsey Papers now number well over 5,000 pieces.

The manuscript division of the Minnesota Historical Society has completed an inventory of the records held by the E. J. Longyear Company, iron mining company with headquarters in Minneapolis. The records just surveyed cover the years 1892 to 1948. Under an agreement between the Company and the Society, some of the records will be transferred to the Society for use by qualified scholars; others will remain with the Company for some time. The inventory is the first of many that will be made of selected companies in the next few years. The object is to find out where the records are, under what terms they can be used by scholars, what condition they are in, and what groups should be transferred to the Society.

Miss Alice Andrews of St. Paul has presented to the Society additional C. C. Andrews family papers. There are in this new acquisition 120 volumes — diaries, letterpress books, and scrapbooks — and 2000 items. The papers cover C. C. Andrews' career as a lawyer in Boston, Kansas and St. Cloud, as minister to Sweden, as consul general in Brazil, as fire warden and leader in forestry in Minnesota. The years covered by the papers are 1843 to 1922.

All the incoming correspondence, logging contracts, and letterpress books in the Laird, Norton Company papers are arranged and ready for use by qualified scholars. Persons who wish to use the papers should apply to the Minnesota Historical Society and to the Laird, Norton Company. Both letters may be addressed to the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, 1, Minnesota.

Two hundred and fifty-three letters have been added to the Thomas S.

Williamson Papers (1839-1917). Most of the letters in this addition were written by John Williamson from his mission at Crow Creek, Dakota Territory, in the sixties. The letters tell of the removal of the Sioux to the Crow Creek Reservation, the work of the missionaries and Indian agents, traffic on the Missouri River, and the expedition of General Sully against the Sioux, and the attempts to introduce agriculture on the reservation.

NEBRASKA

John B. White, formerly Serials Librarian at Love Memorial Library, University of Nebraska, has been appointed Librarian of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

NEW YORK

Legislation passed in the 1950 session of the State Legislature will materially affect the program of Records Management in New York State, since the responsibility for management of state records will be assumed by the Division of the Budget October 1, 1950 with the management of records of local units of government remaining in the State Education Department as a function of the Division of Archives and History.

In February, Vernon B. Santen was appointed to the position of State Archivist to succeed Hugh Flick, who left the post in 1949. Mr. Santen, a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, did graduate work at Syracuse University in the field of public administration and prior to Army service with the Ordnance Department in the Pacific during the last war, was for seven years Assistant to the State Administrator of the National Youth Administration in New York State, responsible for methods and procedures work. Upon discharge from the Army in 1947 he was employed by the Research Division of the State Civil Service Department doing work in the fields of salary and personnel research.

Current projects in progress include a survey of the protection facilities available for local records in the office of county, city, town and village clerks and other custodians of the records of local units of government. Nearing completion is a sizeable project which involves a complete inventory and evaluation of all records of the State Comptroller, many of which are 18th century documents. Plans for carrying out the Records Management program to be administered by the Division of the Budget are not sufficiently advanced to warrant publication at this time.

NORTH CAROLINA

On March 10, Governor W. Kerr Scott appointed Benjamin Franklin Brown of Raleigh, retired dean of the Basic Division of North Carolina State College, a member of the Executive Board of the State Department of Archives and History to fill the unexpired term created by the death of Robert Digges Wimberly Connor, who died on February 25.

The State Department of Archives and History has ordered a Barrow laminating machine and a fumigating vault to be installed in the Division of Archives and Manuscripts. This Division recently added eighty-seven items to its Calvin H. Wiley Collection, a gift from Wiley's daughter, Miss Mary Callum Wiley of Winston-Salem. These items consist of speeches, parts of speeches, letters, and articles to the press of North Carolina's first Superintendent of Common Schools.

Mr. William S. Powell of the State Department of Archives and History has received a grant in aid from the Institute of Early American History and Culture in Williamsburg to work on the biography and collect the letters of John Pory (1573-1635) and also to collect ballads for a revised edition of Sir Charles Firth's *An American Garland*. He plans to spend September and October in England at the British Museum, the Public Records Office, Oxford and Cambridge, and several county archives.

The Duke University Library has been materially enlarged and the George Washington Flowers Collection and the University Archives have been moved into new and more spacious quarters. New stack space is adequate for 900,000 volumes, and there are carrels for 250 readers. At the end of the last fiscal year the University's collection contained 927,701 official catalogued volumes.

OHIO

Latest acquisitions to the manuscripts division of The Hayes Memorial Library include numerous original letters and documents of President Hayes, including eight pardons issued between 1878 and 1879; an appointment of A. T. Britton of Washington, D. C., as a member of a commission to codify land laws; a life membership certificate in the Firelands Historical Society, gift of John J. Young, Jr., Norwalk, O.; a surety bond of Rutherford Hayes, Sr., for his brother, Russell Hayes, 1815, gift of Goodspeed's, Boston; and eight letters (1868-1891) of the President addressed to various correspondents.

In addition to photographic reproductions of papers of the President and members of his family, the Library added the originals of a Docket Book, No. 5 (1814-1835) of Marshall Miller, Jr., of Dummerston, Vt., and an account book (1807-1841) of Joel Crane, early settler of Vermilion, O.

A special Independence Day exhibit at the Library featured a facsimile of the desk on which Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence (the facsimile was made at the time the original portable desk was presented to President Hayes for the American government); and an original letter of John Hancock to Dorothy Quincy, mentioning the Revolutionary War, written by Hancock a few months before they were married.

OKLAHOMA

A total of 476 volumes of the Five Civilized Tribes have been received by the Oklahoma Historical Society from the Five Civilized Tribes Agency at Muskogee in the past year, under Federal Public Law No. 133, approved March 27, 1934.

Mrs. Rella Looney of the Indian Archives Division announces that in July 1949 the Society received a total of 84 volumes from the Agency, consisting of 79 Choctaw volumes and 5 Chickasaw volumes.

In October 1949 the Division received a total of 392 volumes, as follows: 199 Choctaw volumes; 33 Cherokee; 18 Creek; 17 Chickasaw; 11 Seminole; and 114 miscellaneous volumes (Agency and Dawes Commission).

VERMONT

Dr. Arthur W. Peach, Professor of English and Head of the English Department at Norwich University, Northfield, Vt., became Director of the Vermont Historical Society at the close of his university work in June. Long interested in the Society and its work, he has served as vice president, and as editor of the *Proceedings*, now known as the *Vermont Quarterly*.

The Society has been given a land tax record account book of the town of Plymouth, 1825-1827. This was maintained by Moses Pollard and salvaged from an old trunk of papers found in the attic of the Elias Pinney house in Ludlow. The house had been occupied by Moses Pollard, Jr. It is a record of surveying made by Moses Pollard and is particularly significant since it carries records of the holdings of the Coolidge family and a description of their lands. With the account book, Mary Orenda Pollard of Middlebury has given to the Society a sheet from her birthday book containing the autograph of Calvin Coolidge, born July 4, 1872. It dates at some time between 1885 and 1890, while he was attending the Black River Academy.

VIRGINIA

Harry Clemons, who retired as librarian of the University of Virginia on June 30, 1950, has served in that post since 1927. During his incumbency he saw the university's enrollment expand from 2,000 to 5,000, with especially heavy growth in the graduate and professional departments. The collections of cataloged printed books have grown during his administration from 150,000 to more than 575,000 volumes, the manuscripts from a few thousand to over 3,500,000 pieces, while picture and print collections of 50,000 and map collections of 68,000 items have been assembled. The general library (which today has a year-round average working week of 96 hours) had seven full-time staff members in 1927, sixty-three in 1950. Several developments during these years, including the acquisition of some notable special libraries, have made the university a center for American studies, with unusual strength in regional materials of the southeastern states.

In 1930 Clemons persuaded the administration to create the office of Archivist of the University, with offices in the Library and some duties in connection with the Library's non-archival manuscripts. Lester J. Cappon held the post from that year until 1945. Other accomplishments at Charlottesville include the creation of a regional collection of historical source materials; the campaign and planning for the Alderman Library and the removal to it in

1938 of the general library from Jefferson's Rotunda; the creation of a department of rare books; the compilation, 1933-1943, of the checklist of the surviving papers of Thomas Jefferson; the development of a cooperative project for the preservation of all newspapers published in Virginia; the acquisition by the University of such special collections as the McGregor Library of southeastern Americana and English literature, the Coles collection of Virginia books and manuscripts, the Lomb optical collection, the Mackay-Smith music collection, the Stone library on the history of printing, the Streeter collection of material on southeastern railways, the Sadleir-Black collection of Gothic novels, the Taylor collection of American novels, and the Victorious collection on evolution; the establishment of nearly a score of special endowment funds for the purchase of books; and the activities of the University of Virginia Library as publisher of the *Annual Report on Historical Collections* (twenty reports to date), of the University of Virginia Bibliographical Series (nine volumes to date), and of the publications of the McGregor library (of which eight have already been issued).

Dr. Clemons has been succeeded by Jack Dalton, former associate librarian and head of the reference division at Virginia.

Frank Evans, an assistant archivist, has resigned to undertake doctoral work at the University of Chicago. His successor is James A. Bear, Jr. Constance E. Thurlow, also an assistant archivist, has been on leave during the summer months at the University of Rochester, her post having been temporarily filled by William H. Gaines, Jr., 1950 doctoral graduate.

The History Division of the Virginia State Library, formerly the World War II History Commission, which has occupied quarters in the University of Virginia Library at Charlottesville since 1944, has recently moved to permanent offices in the State Library at Richmond. W. Edwin Hemphill is director and William M. E. Rachal is an assistant director of the History Division.

W. J. Barrow, documents restorer of Richmond, began in July the introduction of his laminating process at the Archives Nationales of France. The Barrow Laminator, a machine for applying cellulose acetate sheets to old documents, is already in use at the State Libraries of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Georgia, at the Library of Congress and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, and at the Archives Generale du Royaume in Brussels, Belgium.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

County Record Office,
County Hall,
CARDIFF.

16th May, 1950.

Sir:

As the English-trained Archivist to the Glamorgan County Council which was the first to set up a County Record Office in Wales, I feel it incumbent upon me to reply to the article by Mr. Evan D. Jones on "The National Library of Wales as the National Records Depository for Wales," that appeared in a recent issue of your journal. The article has three main points of attack directed against the idea of county record offices in Wales and their present mode of operation: a) that a Welsh county has not sufficient money to support an efficiently conducted record office, b) that Welsh records are of a nature so different from other records that an English-trained archivist would not understand their special problems, c) that a county council and court of Quarter Sessions, should, if they must maintain a record office, limit its scope to their own administrative and past records.

In Glamorgan, under the chairmanship of the Lord Lieutenant and Custos Roturorum, the County Records Committee, a joint committee of members from the County Council and Quarter Sessions, has maintained for some time past a fully equipped and efficiently operating record office in the County Hall. This record office is well equipped and has attached to it a repair workshop which deals expertly with all types of repair and book-binding. All the records are listed, neatly stored and the "house is in good order." The fact that this has caused no apparent straining of local finances must be sufficient answer to a). Admittedly Glamorgan is the largest and wealthiest county of the Principality, but the expenditure involved should not be beyond the resources of any county in Wales. To maintain a record office is not a very expensive item, and record offices exist in England in counties of low rateable value, such as Bedfordshire and Cumberland. Such offices function well, though perhaps smaller counties who may already combine for purposes of police, lunacy and other administrations might find it convenient to combine in the maintenance of a regional office.

The argument summarised under b) above, really does not bear close analysis. An archivist is primarily concerned with method: he is trained to read records, to respect the records as such by observing the "respect du fonds" and to avoid such arbitrary classification as will impede the records speaking for themselves. So long as these principles are adhered to it matters little whether the archivist be trained in the *École des Chartres*, the *Österreichisches Staatsarchiv* or in England. In this context it might be stressed that the history of extant Welsh records is very much the same as the history of English records: from the English viewpoint Wales has in the past been "dismissed as a region or a large peninsula on the western seaboard of England with no claim to the status of nationality" and this is reflected in the close resemblance between Welsh and English official and semi-official local records and title deeds. Though this may be regretted, the result is that nearly all official Welsh records are written in English in English forms, unless they are early, when, as in England, they were written in Latin.

Argument c) ignores the interest of most students and searchers, and even of those Welshmen who might feel some pride in the preservation of their local records in their own environment. It might be stressed that it is no solution to replace locally, by microfilm copies and readers, records removed to a central depository (in this case the National Library). Even if we forget sentiment, often a document, unlike a book, becomes less legible when photographed as thereby the student is offered only

one viewpoint instead of the many he may have by handling the documents. The National Library of Wales is an enormous repository of local records, mainly owing to the tardiness of Welsh local authorities in inaugurating local record offices. Nevertheless, this is no reason for the future location of all local Welsh records in the not easily accessible mountain fastness of Aberystwyth. If the Principality of Wales were no bigger and of the geographical configuration of Andorra, there might be some good sense in this centralisation. However, there are many objections to housing a nation's historical muniments under one roof, and the English system whereby the national records are housed centrally but the local records are collected by each county, has much in its favour. In the case of serious fire, revolution or enemy action in war-time it would be possible for all Welsh records to be destroyed at once. The suggestion that all Welsh records "must" be brought together and housed in one depository is as sensible as to suggest that all ancient churches in Wales be removed to the Folk Museum at St. Fagans. Finally, to deprive Welsh counties of their natural historical background and heritage by removing the physical evidence of such heritage to a remote "national" centre seems destructive of those feelings of local patriotism which must be the foundation of Welsh national pride and consciousness, and which most Welsh people would wish to foster.

A record office with a staff of two to four is not by any means short of work in a county of moderate size and population. The present complement of the Department of Manuscripts and Records at the National Library of Wales is stated to be fourteen. This would not appear to be as suitable for the efficient "covering" of the thirteen Welsh counties, ensuring that records in private custody throughout the country are safeguarded, as the work of local record office staffs in touch with local families, solicitors and old-established firms.

Wales, consisting as it does of thirteen counties and extending over a large geographical area is administered by thirteen local authorities for such purposes as education, highways, public health and so on. Local records fall very well into these thirteen administrative units and mostly the nature of the records themselves demands their treatment upon a county basis. It is a sound and well-founded archival practice to respect the "fonds." Since the Act of Union in 1536, the Welsh counties have been administered through Quarter Sessions and in each county the Quarter Sessions records form the natural basis of the administrative collection. Besides the Quarter Sessions records there are a variety of *ad hoc* committees whose records were transferred to the county by acts of Parliament when their functions were transferred, for instance the Turnpike Commissioners, Sewers Commissioners, Highway Boards, Boards of Guardians, School Boards, Local Boards, etc. Furthermore, under the Local Governments Acts of 1894 (reenacted in 1933) civil parish records came under the care and protection of county councils [L.G.A. 1933, 23 & 24, Geo. V. c. 51, s. 281 (4)]. Assuming that the acts of Parliament at Westminster still apply to Wales, it seems, to say the least, highly questionable whether a Clerk of the Peace or County Council has the authority to hand over to another depository records such as those mentioned above.

In conclusion it must be remembered that the need of the historian should always be kept in mind. Local records dealing with local administration, either of the county or of the parish are of greatest use to the local historian. Anyone wishing to write parish history will usually select his own parish, a post-graduate student wishing to write a thesis on regional education or communications or highways or any of a host of similar subjects, will naturally choose an area in which he resides and with which he is familiar. He will look for and wish to find these records within his own county. Several complaints have been heard in the Glamorgan Record Office of the inaccessibility of some Glamorgan records now housed in the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth. It would be far better if these records were here in Glamorgan and microfilm copies in Aberystwyth. The object of record depositories is not merely the

collection of records, but their preservation from decay and making them available to students. I think both these functions can be better served by local record offices.

I must apologise for writing at length but I cannot help feeling that Mr. Evan D. Jones' enthusiasms have blinded him to certain facts. Since the article was published abroad, I have written this in the hope of correcting any false impressions that may have been given of the state of records in Wales.

Yours faithfully,

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Evan D. Jones states that what Miss Elsas calls "arguments (a) and (c)" are largely matters of opinion upon which "we can hold different views." He believes that what she calls "argument (b)," however, "lies in a different category." With respect to it he writes: "I certainly never put it forward in my paper, nor anywhere else. . . . You will find that I did not suggest that Welsh records are of a nature so different from other records that an English-trained archivist would not understand their special problems. I did not even plead for a knowledge of the Welsh language on the part of archivists, though, by the way, it is very necessary for deciphering place-names, and personal names, which, as you may imagine, are tricky stumbling blocks for non-Welsh-speaking archivists."

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